

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2081  
INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 12457

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CASC  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF AMCIT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 12397 AND PREVIOUS

1. BRITISH CONOFF VISITED GONDAR DEC 16-18 PRIMARILY TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF BRIT AND AMERICAN REPORTED KHARTOUM 3533. HE FOUND THAT EPMG OFFICIALDOM HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF ALLEGED INCIDENT AND HAD CHECKED IN GONDAR AND AT POLICE POSTS BETWEEN GONDAR AND METEMMA. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE OR NO REPLY. HE ALSO CHECKED GONDAR HOTEL REGISTRATIONS AROUND TIME OF ALLEGED INCIDENT (NOV 17), AND FOR WEEK OR SO PREVIOUS, AS WELL AS ETHIOPIAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION REGISTER. HE FELT REGISTRATIONS MIGHT NOT BE PERFECTLY ACCURATE, BUT NET RESULT OF WHOLE EXERCISE WAS NEGATIVE.

2. CONOFF DID RECEIVE REPORT SECOND OR THIRD HAND THAT THE FORMER CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION AT CHILGA WAS TOLD BY PEASANT AROUND DEC 14 THAT A CERTAIN ATANEW, REPORTED LEADER OF EDU/EPRP FACTION OPERATING IN CHILGA WAS HOLDING AN ENGLISHMAN, CARTING  
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HIM AROUND, AND FLAUNTING HIM AS A "BRITISH ADVISER." LOCATION GIVEN WAS CLOSE TO TOWN OF KOLA-DIBA ON GONDAR-GOROGA ROAD. (N.B. BRITISH CONSIDER THIS AS VERY SENSITIVE -- ADDRESSEES PLEASE NOTE.)

3. AS DEPT AND ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE, NOWHERE IN THIS

OR ANY OTHER REPORT WE HAVE SEEN IS THERE ANY MENTION  
OF AN AMERICAN SINCE ORIGINAL REPORT FROM DALE AND  
YAKICH. WE HAVE THEREFORE RUN OUT OF LEADS FOR NOW.  
WE WILL CONTINUE MAKE INQUIRIES FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT  
DO NOT PLAN PRESS INVESTIGATION FURTHER UNLESS WE  
RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFO. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR  
APPRECIATION TO BRIT EMBASSY FOR UNDERTAKING GONDAR  
INVESTIGATION ON OUR BEHALF AS WELL AS THEIR OWN.  
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